



# Equity Council Agenda

**Zoom Meeting Time: April 14, 2021 3:30 - 4:30 PM**

## Welcomes & Introductions

- Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) Chief of Staff Yvette Mendez welcomed the Council members

## COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Update – Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) team

- RIDOH Medical Director Dr. James McDonald addressed the CDC's halt of the distribution of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, and thoroughly explained the clinical issues leading to this action.
- The RIDOH data team shared the progress of vaccination in communities of color and high-density communities (HDCs).
- For more information about the safety of the COVID-19 vaccine, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/safety-of-vaccines.html>.
- For more information on COVID-19 vaccination and the status vaccine distribution in Rhode Island, please visit <https://covid.ri.gov/vaccination>.

## Equity-focused Vaccination Clinics – Pastor Howard Jenkins and Dr. Luis-Daniel Muñoz

- 2,637 individuals were vaccinated through the Equity Focused Vaccination clinics on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. This total includes both individuals that pre-registered and walk-in attendees.
- Equity Council members who organized and participated in the equity-focused vaccination events shared their insights about the operations and outcomes of the weekend's clinics, as well as areas of improvement for next weekend's clinics.

## Community Feedback: What are you hearing from the community? What should the State know?

- A councilmember requested additional data to clarify how many attendees, without walk-ins, were served, and their race and ethnicity, at the April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Equity Focused Vaccination clinics.

## Next Steps

- The RIDOH data team will follow up with data that more clearly details the race and ethnicity breakdowns of the attendees of the April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Equity Focused Vaccination clinics.

## Close

- Closing remarks given by Yvette Mendez

